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**From:** King, Michelle [Michelle\_King@affymetrix.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2005 12:38 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress Fire Retardent Chemicals

Speaking as a California resident who recently purchased a new mattress, I am absolutely against flame retardent chemicals or materials of any kind in our mattresses. I also would not want them in furniture, carpeting, car fabrics or in any material that I may come into contact with.

The first night after sleeping on the new mattress I woke up in the morning gasping for breath. In addition, there is an extremely strong unpleasent odor that was emitted from the mattress.

I have since replaced the mattress with a clean mattress without flame retardent chemicals at six times the cost.

I do not believe the government should have the power to force chemicals into our lives without giving us a choice. Stop trying to save us from ourselves; we do not need the government to do that.

Needless to say, I am against the adoption of TB 603

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*Mattress 42  
& bed clothes*

**From:** Mary Peterson [marypeterson@webtv.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2005 11:48 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Clean Beds

March 2, 2005

Dear Mr. Stevenson,

I would encourage your department to reconsider requiring manufacturers of mattresses to use toxic materials in mattresses. For myself I react to the chemicals in normal sheets, and must purchase organic sheets that have no dyes, resins, etc. Many people have symptoms such as joint pain, headaches, muscle pain that are triggered by low level exposure to chemicals. They think because it is sold it must be safe. Unfortunately, more people will have their lives adversely affected by including chemicals in mattresses than will be affected by mattresses going into flames.

Mary Peterson

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**From:** blueberry531@juno.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2005 3:57 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I strongly oppose the proposed law to flameproof mattresses. The chemicals used are toxic and have health effects. I get muscle and joint aches, fatigue, and headaches when I sleep on a mattress with chemicals. Millions of people would be exposed on an ongoing basis to these untested chemicals.

Jeanne Mellon

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*Mattress 44*

**From:** People for Clean Beds.org [mark@PeopleForCleanBeds.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2005 3:31 PM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR, FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.peopleforcleanbeds.org/vote.htm>

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**Comments1:**

I cannot imagine anything more dangerous and ignorant than putting toxic chemicals in our beds! The body runs a detoxification and renewal cycle while we sleep that can only be burdened by yet MORE chemicals being emitted from the bed on which it is resting! Specialty mattress manufacturers have used naturally flame retardant materials such as natural, organic wool for years in safe mattress construction and the industry needs to follow their lead. General fire prevention can be done by other means, but we have no choice but to breathe what is in the air around us wafting out of our mattresses! The proposed law would result in yet another toxic chemical 'experiment' done without informed consent on the human population as a whole while rates of cancer, asthma, and degenerative disease skyrocket and everyone shakes their head in dismay and hides their head in the sand from the fact that we are poisoning ourselves out of existence! In mattress construction as in all other areas the Precautionary Principle must be adopted - a chemical must be proved safe before it is used. Why have chemicals been given the constitutional right of 'innocent until proven guilty' but the constitutional rights of millions of human citizens to 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness' has been denied through the poisoning of our bodies and the disastrous health effects we suffer? Let's get our priorities straight: manufactured products are here to serve people not endanger them. We all have the residue of thousands - if not tens of thousands- of chemicals in our bodies which were unknown in our grandparent's generation. Many are now known to be endocrine disruptors. Our task in this critical hour is to halt and reverse this trend before the damage to the human gene pool is irreversible. We need to make a law FORBIDDING the use of toxic materials in mattresses, not requiring it!

# People For Clean Beds.org

People fighting to keep our mattresses and bedding clean from toxic flame retardants

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☐ I agree the risk outweighs the benefit to put flame retardant chemicals in our mattresses. Please stop the laws requiring this.

☐ Please make me a free member of People For Clean Beds.org

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A new law requires dangerous flame retardant chemicals to be added to primary chemical used will be a poisonous pesticide called Boric Acid with health risks including, anemia, cyanosis, coma, testicle damage, infertility, birth defects, and simple slow poisoning!

We will submit your vote and comments to government. It would be helpful to call or email your legislators. Find their full phone, email, and mailing address [here](#).

US Consumer Products Safety Commission open public comment period March 14, 2005, [click here for email, fax, and mailing address to send](#)

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Short Story : An Open Letter to Mattress Retailers (This letter was successful with Furniture Retailers)

International Sleep Products Association (ISPA) response to above letter about exposure and more, and try to tell us we would have to eat our mattress. Then they try to tell us that since Boric Acid kill insects differently than to people): [www.sleepproducts.org/...](http://www.sleepproducts.org/)

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Retailer Comments on Flame Retardants in Mattresses



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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2005 3:21 PM  
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Comments1:

I have followed some of the mounting evidence that flame retardants are highly toxic and possibly a significant pollutant in our homes with far reaching effects on our health. I know that other countries are moving away from their use and are considering bans. I am simply baffled that at such a time the US legislature moves to pass a law that would make their use mandatory in all mattresses, thereby even robbing people of their free choice. I sincerely hope that this campaign to stop such irresponsible legislature will be successful! Thanks.



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Comments1:

It is absolutely ludicrous to put fire retardant into mattresses and expect us to breathe these toxic chemicals while we sleep. For what? So a few idiots who are stupid enough to smoke in bed won't burn in case they fall asleep with a lit cigarette in their hand? I've had multiple chemical sensitivities for more than 15 years and say to the government -- stay out of my bedroom! It's hard enough to live a healthy low chemical lifestyle -- I don't need the government to pass another ridiculous law that will make it even harder.

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**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
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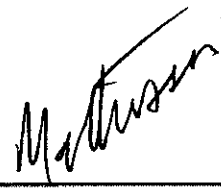
Profit-driven interests of corporations such as these bed manufacturers and chemical companies often outweigh the health and well-being of individuals. Companies are rarely held accountable for the toxic pollution/off-gassing they create.

I advocate a wider use of the Precautionary Principle, which urges that 'first, no harm be done,' and that Ecological Economics, a more valid measurement which factors in the costs of industrial production to public health, be employed.

The United States is already under obligation to operate by the precautionary principle. The Federal government signed and ratified the Rio Declaration from the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. The Rio Declaration says,

"In order to protect the environment, the precautionary approach shall be widely applied by States [meaning nations] according to their capabilities. Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation."

In the case of pending legislation to require flame retardants in mattresses, one can only infer by the extreme rush to legalize them without ANY further scientific study of the harm they [known and suspected carcinogens, pesticides and other poisons] pose to a sleeping population is that their bottom-lines will be positively impacted. Any other altruistic interpretation is sheer naivete.

  
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**From:** Blt59092@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 03, 2005 12:01 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Oppossion to Chemicals in mattresses

I am appalled by everyone concern about fire in mattresses and not the effects that more chemically treated household product can do to us. Since I spend time traveling and sleeping in beds that are not my own, I usually don't have any say, but I am highly allergic to formaldehyde and sprays that are use to kill Roaches and other insects. Now you're saying that we need these chemicals to prevent fire in my bed. I should have a choice. It's a choice of clear air in my own home. This is an issue that Environmentalist should be more involved in because it's affecting our environment when we have to sleep in it.

What did are Astronauts say about their beds which are made of flammable foam? Once ignited these chemicals become more toxin to the environment.

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**From:** Sena Mayhew [meekrats@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 03, 2005 8:31 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Cc:** Sena Mayhew  
**Subject:** mattress fire laws

Mr. Stevenson:

Please, for many people's sakes, do not allow this to happen. There are millions of people in California and many of us, because of the toxins already in our environments, are having a hard time being healthy and well. The number of multiple-chemical sensitive people is on the rise, due to this factor. I am one of them and suffer often in the presence of fragrances, cleaning products and so on. To put me on a bed with a toxic interior would be a great stress on my body and probably would make me ill or kill me. It is not easy to get a doctor's prescription for a new mattress. There is no way I would feel safe, that my mattress would be free of toxins - people make mistakes and cut corners.

Perhaps what would be better, rather than plague *all* the residents of California, or anywhere, is to have mattress pads or covers which could provide the same service, an item of choice for those who *do* smoke.

It is very scary to think my state is in charge of our safety to the point of putting so many people, those who don't smoke, in a toxic environment for their sleeping time. Sleep is the time the body heals and rejuvenates itself. If the body is working hard to expel toxins in the environment, no healing can take place. What can take place is an erosion of health, on perhaps a slow (or very fast) downward spiral.

Please please do not let this disastrous plan happen. If compromising millions of people to save around 600 from their own mistakes seems more than ridiculous. Please spare us from the stupidity of those who choose to smoke in bed. Please don't compromise the health of all residents for their idiocy. It doesn't make sense.

Very sincerely,

Sena Miller

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**From:** People for Clean Beds [health@strobel.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 03, 2005 1:32 PM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
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I agree!

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Comments1:

As an Environmental Specialist, I'm shocked that mattresses will have to have more chemicals added in order to meet such extreme fire resistance testing. It's getting increasingly difficult to avoid contaminants in our environments. The addition of finely milled boric acid will undoubtedly increase inhalation and dermal exposure and to a lesser amount ingestion of this toxic chemical to adults, children and infants. Many adults sleep with their infants and will cause respirable dust from the inside of the mattress to become airborne. We test homes of individuals with respiratory problems, allergies, chemical sensitivities, impaired immune systems, have other health problems or simply concerned about there environment. Mattresses and bedding are tested with a laser particle counter. The addition of this powder will easily show up in testing and the mattress will most likely fail for cleanliness. Mattress accumulate dander, atmospheric contaminants and construction debris, including drywall dust,. These fine respirable contaminants pose a health risk to many individuals and are almost impossible to remove from mattresses. Now it's almost law that almost incalculable numbers of extremely small sized respirable toxic chemicals will be added in powder form and pose an even greater risk to us that the risk that fire pose. How many of us have health problems that will be exasperated from this fire retardant? Considerably over 10% of our population has respiratory problems. Add to that infants and young children with not fully developed lungs. How many will develop hypersensitivities to just the fine dust size aspects of boric acid and now have chronic problems to other particulates as well. Add to this number the people with chemical sensitivities and you will have over 50 million people affected (assuming they all were exposed to these treated mattresses). Then add the unknown long term health problems that will develop from up to ten years of exposure for up to eight hours per day. The risk far outweighs the benefit in trying to save the lives of 100 people per year. How may lives can we save by eliminating defective smoke alarms by testing them with smoke rather than simply pushing the button ? Why are dual sensor smoke detectors not required? It should not be the responsibility of our government to go overboard in trying to save a few lives and in doing so jeopardize the health of the

majority. Russell B. Olinsky, M.S. Environmental Specialist

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**From:** People for Clean Beds [health@strobels.com]  
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Comments1:

Every flame retardant chemical suggested for inclusion in mattresses has NOT been proven to be safe to humans. Existing data does not support the use of these chemicals on a long term basis for all people including pregnant women, infants, children, the elderly, those with immune diseases, those with cancer and/or heart disease, those with respiratory illnesses, those with neurological conditions, those with mental illnesses, those with skin diseases - or anyone for that matter.

Use of these chemicals in mattresses will bring them into contact with other chemicals found in bedding, personal care products, air fresheners, laundry product residues, off-gassed chemicals from building materials and carpets - not studies have been done to determine the synergistic effects of these chemicals.

Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human experiment without consent.

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**From:** People for Clean Beds [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 03, 2005 1:52 PM  
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Comments1:

The idea that the mattress industry pushed for these laws makes them suspect. Each human being in this world already carries a large chemical burden in their bodies from the manufactured chemicals and pollutants of the last 100 years. We spend one third of our lives sleeping. Exposing humans to known poisons ON PURPOSE for one third of their lives is just absurd. Making it a LAW, so that those who want to opt out, can't, is unacceptable. All mattresses must be labeled with all chemicals used - not just a cover category, as in FIRE RETARDANT, but a list of all chemicals used, so that the consumer can research what it is they are sleeping on and breathing in for eight hours, every night of their lives. Where are the studies which show effects over time on humans sleeping on mattresses with these poisons in them?



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*Matthew*

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**From:** People for Clean Beds [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 03, 2005 2:02 PM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
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Comments1:

I say let the people who want these chemicals to be put in beds should be the ginnie pigs for the rest of us. After they and their families have slept in them for at least 30 years, then we will know if they are safe or not.

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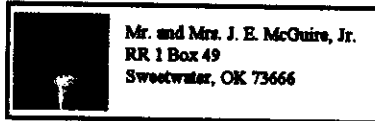
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Mattress N.P.R.  
C PSC

We oppose treating  
Mattresses with Chemicals  
Please put a stop to  
this !!

Sincerely  
Don & Mrs. J. E. McGuire

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**From:** Steve [steveb@pdnt.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2005 5:18 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

It is my belief that the proposed flameproofing guidelines for mattresses are a very bad idea. We do not have quantitative data concerning long term human exposure to the chemicals which will be used to treat bedding. I believe that the risks do not warrant this risk of chemical exposure and, if I had the choice, would not purchase bedding treated with these chemicals. If I were to consider just one constituent of the flameproofing chemicals - formaldehyde - I'd rather have less than more in the products with which I'm in intimate contact every day.

I am a logical, analytical person, and believe in using safe products. Treated bedding would not be considered safe to me. A generic rating of "moderate risk" means very little to anyone who has to evaluate something based upon this "rating." Please do not subject the population to long term exposure of these chemicals by passing this law. If it comes down to which risk I would prefer to live with, I would immediately choose the risk associated with untreated bedding.

Please consider that we have enough things to worry about in our lives, and that we (the population) do not want to be used as a "proving ground" for exposure effects from these chemicals.

If you must make this flameproofing treatment into law, at least make it optional for consumers, letting them choose whether they would like a treated or untreated product. My preference would be that you remove these guidelines from consideration entirely, and leave mattresses (and bedding products) the way they are. The bedding which we all use today does not subject us to "...unreasonable risks of serious injury or death..." as have other products which the CPSC has investigated. Please continue to investigate products which do pose a real threat, and let this consideration take no more of your valuable time.

This is important. Let's not subject everyone to unknown risks, for very moderate (at best) benefits. If there is someone who says they know the risks, then we (the concerned public) need to hear this evidence. My understanding is that no one knows the risks - how can they?

Steve Burdin

3/7/2005

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**From:** Juergen Pfaff [jjpf@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2005 6:00 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** RE: flame retardent mattresses

To Whom it may Concern,

Even before I heard about this new proposed law, I was becoming increasingly anxious about all the flame retardents already present in our mattresses, and other upholstery. We are none-smokers. Why are we putting our health at risk, for those who have little regard for their own health. Why not let smokers purchase this type of mattress, and let the rest of us purchase chemical free mattresses. This simply isn't the right proposal.

Yours sincerely

Jennifer Pfaff  
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**Stevenson, Todd A.**

**From:** Mark Strobel [mark@strobel.com]

**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2005 1:00 AM

**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Mattress NPR - Lack of common sense in government may cause another public health disaster

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## **Lack of common sense in government may cause another public health disaster**

Whitney Davis, an Attorney and Director of the Children's Coalition for Fire Safe Mattresses, wrote and started the law to flameproof mattresses in California. The Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) will enact this law nationwide within the year.

Mr. Davis is now realizing that manufacturers are using toxic chemicals to flameproof mattresses to meet this law. In a recent news release he stated: "Some in the industry are being tempted to poison our kids ... The Problem: the only chemicals they can use to achieve compliance are listed as toxic to humans by the EPA." ([www.ccfsm.com](http://www.ccfsm.com))

With our entire population, 300 Million People, sleeping on mattresses, all mattresses must be safe for human exposure. Our exposure in mattresses is unique. We have full body and breathing contact eight hours a day for the rest of our lives. It is unacceptable for even a small percentage of mattresses to be toxic. If only 15% prove toxic, it affects 45 Million people. If only 1%, it is still 3 Million people harmed.

It would be wonderful to save 300 people annually from fire as proponents hope. But we must also consider the risk. We don't want to kill more than we save. We are putting one million people at risk to save one. This law has the potential to harm millions of people. While not everyone was exposed to Asbestos, we learned too late it has a 40-year latency period to detect poisoning. It has already killed 300,000 people. Experts expect it will continue to kill 10,000 people per year for the next twenty-five years.

Chemical barrier systems are used at the surface of mattresses to prevent ignition from open flames. Systems include a fertilizer called Ammonium Polyphosphate that is sprayed on the ticking; Boric Acid (Roach Killer) mixed as loose dust with cotton batting just under the ticking; Antimony Oxide which the CPSC calls 'moderate risk,' but says it may be released with perspiration; and "Polymerized Resins" made from the reaction of melamine and formaldehyde which the CPSC calls 'low risk.' It contains a small amount of free formaldehyde and more may be released over time as all things break down. Fiberglass is the only inherently flame retardant fiber that can pass this flame test without added chemicals. Experts say we should not breathe tiny fiberglass particles and consider it as bad as Asbestos. We know these chemicals are incredibly toxic to people and some also cause cancer, how do we justify sleeping in them?

Even if safe systems exist, all mattresses must be safe or this law should be stopped in the CPSC and repealed in California. It defies common sense to expose our entire population to even low or moderate risk to save a very few. The CPSC admits they have no exposure data and are guessing about the safety of these systems, yet it will soon become national law. More study is needed. Just because California passes a law without considering the risks does not mean it is good for the nation. The risk outweighs the benefit.

I am an independent mattress manufacturer, have been in business for thirty years, and know a lot about my industry. I am normally very conservative but became alarmed as I learned about the chemicals required in mattresses to meet the new law.

If we later find human damage from poison mattresses, you will mourn and report the deaths of millions of people, and you will ask, how did this happen?

Sincerely, Mark Strobel, President, Strobel Technologies, [www.strobel.com](http://www.strobel.com), and Director, [www.PeopleForCleanBeds.org](http://www.PeopleForCleanBeds.org), See websites for Doctor quotes and more information on this issue. 3131 Industrial Pkwy, Jeffersonville IN 47130, Phone: 812-282-4388, Fax: 812-282-6528, Email: [mark@strobel.com](mailto:mark@strobel.com)

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**Stevenson, Todd A.**

**From:** Mark Strobel [mark@strobel.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 1:45 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.  
**Subject:** FW: Mattress NPR, Emailing: index.htm

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**From:** Mark Strobel [mailto:mark@strobel.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 3:55 PM  
**To:** mdanello@cpsc.gov; hstratton@cpsc.gov; chairmanstratton@cpsc.gov; tmoore@cpsc.gov; kgiles@cpsc.gov; jhartman@cpsc.gov; mneily@cpsc.gov; cpssc-os@cpsc.gov  
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Whitney Davis, man who wrote and started California law, now realizes mattress manufacturers are using toxic chemicals to meet law.

Will this law kill more people than it saves?

Law will expose 300 million people to varying degrees of risk to save 300 from fire.

More simply, will expose One Million People to Risk to save one, as mattresses are replaced

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## People For Clean Beds.org

People fighting to keep our mattresses and bedding clean from toxic flame retardants

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**Is it safe to sleep in Roach Killer powder? Is the bene**  
**CPSC public comment period on proposed law to flam**  
**ends 3-14-05.** (Last Chance to Stop Law) Send comments direct to CPSC:

The innerspring mattress industry went to the US Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) and asked for, and strongly supports, this new law that mattresses resist ignition from open flames. The chemical industry also lobbies for this law. It is an example of government gone crazy with overregulation, without an act of Congress. It adds about \$100 to the price of new mattresses. It makes no sense to expose 300 million people to even 'low risk,' to optimistically save 300 from fire. We know the chemicals used to flameproof mattresses are very poisonous. A large amount of these chemicals are required to be concentrated at the surface of the mattress to pass an overly strict open flame test, which has been called the toughest FR standard ever. No natural or





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synthetic fibers can pass this test without added chemicals. When asked CPSC responds, "We are already exposed to over one billion additional retardant chemicals every year." Our exposure in mattresses is unlike a body and breathing contact eight hours every day for the rest of our lives also required in healthcare and crib mattresses. The CPSC is ignoring the health sciences division, who says more study is needed, and is rushing flameproof mattresses have never been studied for human exposure. They are already in millions of mattresses nationwide in anticipation of the new law.

The CPSC admits they have no exposure data and cannot do a quantitative test. Instead, they say they are doing a qualitative analysis, by relying on scientific judgment. In other words, they are guessing. They say study will be on a small test our entire population, and if they later find human damage, it is then up to government agencies to ban that specific chemical.

Boric Acid (Roach Killer) exists as loose dust mixed with the cotton batt. Antimony Trioxide is also found in the surface of a Queen mattress. This is the least expensive barrier system to flameproof mattresses. They are much better, none of them are safe.

Boric Acid (yes, the Roach Killer), Formaldehyde, Melamine, Antimony Trioxide, Zinc Chloride, Zinc Borate, and Decabromodiphenyl Oxide (Brominated flame retardant found in women's breast milk) are the main chemicals being used to flameproof mattresses. Many of these chemicals cause **cancer**. Some are known to be a **reproductive developmental toxin: high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility**. **Liver, kidney, brain, and heart muscle damage** are only some effects. **Without absorption, some of these chemicals can kill from skin contact alone.**

If our government guesses correctly, that it is safe for everyone to sleep on a mattress may save up to 300 people from fire. However, our exposure in mattresses is chronic. **If they are wrong**, and they have been wrong in the past, then it could be up to 300 million people. All of us sleep on a mattress. **The risk is huge.** The admonition: "First do no harm."

See the whole story at [www.PeopleForCleanBeds.org](http://www.PeopleForCleanBeds.org) where you also can find comments. See the proponent's side of the story at [www.sleepproducts.com](http://www.sleepproducts.com). The law is already effective in California. The law will be enacted nationwide next year unless our comments can stop it. Please send comments directly to [os@cpsc.gov](mailto:os@cpsc.gov), fax: 301-504-0127, mail: Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207-0001. Comments should be captioned. An opponent wrote: **Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a violation of the right to informed consent.**

**Editors Note:** Above story is 599 words, hope you can use it. We hope you will give at least a small mention. See the short story by clicking here. Our website contains information, links to the law, CPSC, doctor quotes, EPA and CDC warnings, MSDS's, opponent and proponent contacts, and references links to their statements.

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**Stevenson, Todd A.**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 1:56 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
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**From:** domains@strobels.com [mailto:domains@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 07, 2005 5:46 PM  
**To:** mark@peopleforcleanbeds.org  
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**Oppose\_Law:** Yes  
**Member:** Yes  
**Title:** Mrs.  
**Name:** Leonora Kabala  
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**Company\_Org:**  
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**Zip:** 85641  
**Phone:** 520-762-5697  
**Email:** LeaKabala@yahoo.com  
**Send:** Submit

**Comments1:**

Please allow me the choice of chemical free bedding.

I lead a chemical free, healthy lifestyle (organic foods, cotton clothing, organic tampons, discretely dress with no bra, house built without formaldehyde products in my air space, no spraying for bugs, no vaccinations for me hubby or cats, network chiropractic care, vitamins & herbs, aerobic workouts -- these choices are not cheap, but they support my physical and mental health just fine, thank-you. I refuse to use the standard medical system. It's broken.

Now you want to pollute my body more, against my will and without enough data to support this choice. This smacks of pocket lining!!

AT LEAST figure out how to give me the CHOICE. Make me sign a contract or something! Just let me sleep in a chemical free bed.

And getting back to brass tacks ... What ever happened to responsibility? Am I to be forced to sleep in chemicals because someone who smokes can't stay out of bed when they light up? That fire is NO accident!! My mother who smoked for 40 years before quitting (!) NEVER smoked in bed. What a concept.

Chemicals everywhere ... chemical companies and pharmaceutical companies rule, don't they? What a story they must've spun this time for a profit -- (Please, this is my assumption, only -- can't imagine why I'd ever think of this one.)

OK, guess that's it. Pretty simple. This IS America, isn't it?

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 08, 2005 10:19 AM  
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Oppose\_Law:  
 Member: Yes  
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Oppose\_Law: Yes  
Member: Yes  
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Degrees:  
Company\_Org:  
Address:  
City: PORT ST. LUCIE  
State: FL  
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Phone:  
Email:  
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Comments1:

THAT IS SO DISCUTING TO PUT ALL THAT JUNK IN THE MATTRESS. I CAN ONLY BUY PLAIN COTTON MATTRESS WITH ORGANIC COTTON THE OTHERS NEVER SEEM TO OUTGAS AND LAST NEW ONE I BOUGHT COULD NOT USE AND GAVE IT AWAY. I NEED TO GET RX FOR THE MATTRESS AND THAT IS ANNOYING TOO. ONE SHOULD HAVE RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHAT IS IN THEIR MATTRESSES.THAT IS ALL CHEMICALS AND ONE DOES NOT EVEN KNOW HOW THE FUTURE WILL BE FOR THE CHILDREN BROUGHT UP ON THIS TOXIC MATTRESSES. PLEASE STOP ALL THAT DISCUTING CHEMICAL USE. ESPECIALLY IN MATTRESSES.

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Member:  
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City: Elk City  
State: OK  
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Comments1:

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Oppose\_Law: Yes  
Member:  
Title: Rev. & Mrs.  
Name: Gary Everest  
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Company\_Org:  
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City: White Pine  
State: MI  
Zip: 49971  
Phone: 906-885-5217  
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Send: Submit

Comments1:

**Stevenson, Todd A.**

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**From:** info@peopleforcleanbeds.org [mailto:info@peopleforcleanbeds.org]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 13, 2005 12:52 AM  
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Oppose\_Law: Yes  
 Member:  
 Title:  
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 Degrees:  
 Company\_Org:  
 Address:  
 City: Springfield  
 State: MO  
 Zip: 65807  
 Phone:  
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Comments1:



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**Oppose\_Law:** Yes  
**Member:** Yes  
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**Name:** Lehrbass  
**Degrees:**  
**Company\_Org:**  
**Address:** 3572 Everest ave  
**City:** Riverside  
**State:** CA  
**Zip:** 92503  
**Phone:** (951) 687-7032  
**Email:** ruggrike04@yahoo.com  
**Send:** Submit

**Comments1:**

Please continue with that compain. We have 2 little children and are very interested in protecting them. Do you know about the [www.criblife2000.com](http://www.criblife2000.com)? They say that chemicals and molds can cause SIDS. Thanks

*Matthew*

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**Stevenson, Todd A.**

**From:** Joanne Gobeil [joannes@Gobeils.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 12:12 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Cc:** mark@strobels.com  
**Subject:** flameproofing mattresses

To whom it may concern:

I am a furniture retailer from Maine who specializes in our companies bedding sales. I have heard over the past few years about the mandatory changes coming our way regarding fire safety in mattresses. I am writing to you to tell you briefly that I do not support this cause and that it will ultimately lead to more harm than good.

Fire proofing sounds good in theory, but until every blanket, sheet, pillow, carpet, and curtain in a bedroom is fireproofed it does not make logical sense for mattresses companies to be forced to comply. Any home is subject to many deadly flammable sources - not just a mattress. Not to mention the long term effects of what the chemicals being put in these mattresses will do to trusting and unsuspecting people. It is disturbing to think of how 1/3 of our lives will be spent with direct body contact to these chemical ridden products. How many hundreds of thousands to millions of deaths will result from that?

The monies spent on this cause are unfortunate. The customer loses out in every way other than a false security of being protected from a fire. Monies would be better spent on educating people about fire safety and reaching out and helping homes in need of repairs that would help prevent fires.

Mattresses should be about a comfortable and healthy night's sleep. They should not be forced to be something that is not wanted by every consumer in the market. As a mother of three small children, I sleep better knowing that my children are not being exposed to a potential carcinogen every night. As a retailer, I know I would not be able to sell a product I felt was harmful to my customers.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,  
Joanne Stearns  
Vice President

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From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 11:09 AM  
To: health@strobels.com  
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I\_agree1:  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Pamela Featherstone  
Degrees1:  
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City: Radcliff  
State: Ky.  
Zip: 40160  
Phone1: 270-351-2777  
Email1: pamfst@juno.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Thank you for making the industry aware of this. There are enough pollutants in our everyday lives without adding more. This is an outrage that the bedding industry would even consider doing this! Please help to keep us informed about the progress of this action. I hope and pray that this can be stopped!

# Stevenson, Todd A.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:14 AM  
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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Ms.  
Name1: Rowena Finegan  
Degrees1:  
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State: Montana  
Zip: 59718  
Phone1: 406 388 2610  
Email1: rofin@onewest.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

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Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Felton  
State: DE  
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Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
Comments1:

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I\_agree1: ON  
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Degrees1:  
Company1: Sarah Young Designs  
Address1: 353 Jonestown Rd. Ste. 265  
City: Winston-Salem  
State: NC  
Zip: 27104  
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Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

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**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2004 9:16 AM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Scott Dixon  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Advance  
State: NC  
Zip: 27006  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
Comments1:

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2004 3:36 PM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: guenter frivert  
Degrees1:  
Company1: pomp home  
Address1: 3806 main st  
City: culver city  
State: ca  
Zip: 90232  
Phone1: 310 287 9944  
Email1: pomphome@earthlink.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

I am very aware of this chemicals.  
I do have problems sleeping on a regular mattress because of these chemicals in them...unfortunately. I'm strictly against this chemicals. America the land of chemicals!

sincerely

guenter frivert



Stevenson, Todd A.

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**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2004 5:20 PM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Ed Campbell  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: New Hudson  
State: MI  
Zip: 48165  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
Comments1:

**Stevenson, Todd A.**

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2004 8:52 PM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Joyce Scott  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Tampa  
State: FL  
Zip: 33625  
Phone1: 813-908-1672  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
Comments1:

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 11, 2004 9:32 AM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1:  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Paul Engelman  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Foley  
State: AL  
Zip: 36535  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
  
Comments1:

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2004 10:11 AM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Donna Frost  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: dunkirk  
State: ny  
Zip: 4048  
Phone1: 7163661020  
Email1: elhersfurniture@yahoo.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

this is awful.

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 11, 2004 1:24 PM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Greta Mitchell  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: New Bern  
State: North Carolina  
Zip: 28562  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobel.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobel.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** webmaster@strobel.com [mailto:webmaster@strobel.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 11, 2004 4:14 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobel.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1:  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Mark Williams  
Degree1:  
Company1: Bernhardt Home Furniture  
Address1: 1672 Old Skokie Road  
City: Highland Park  
State: Illinois  
Zip: 60035  
Phone1: 847 831-4300  
Email1: [www.Bernhardthome\\_furniture.com](http://www.Bernhardthome_furniture.com)  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

We are opposed to this proposed legislation.

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 11, 2004 6:58 PM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: shirley nimmo  
Degrees1:  
Company1: southern recovery  
Address1: po box 1064  
City: sumner  
State: ga  
Zip: 31789  
Phone1: 229-777-7840  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

sir, please forward this to whom ever it may concern. the chemicals you are planning to add to a mattress are not what a health conscious society would appreciate nor tolerate now!! s. nimmo

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoern, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 12, 2004 11:01 AM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Otis Sizemore  
Degrees1: MSBA  
Company1: Homes & Hideaways, Ltd  
Address1: P O Box 1137  
City: Maggie Valley  
State: NC  
Zip: 28751  
Phone1:  
Email1: OSizemore@AOL.COM  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Absolutely insane to put toxic materials into bedding. Better to outlaw smoking in bed.



**Stevenson, Todd A.**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 13, 2004 6:23 AM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Rita Plum  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1: 110 Falling Creek Ct.  
City: Garner  
State: NC  
Zip: 27529  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
Comments1:

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobel.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobel.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** webmaster@strobel.com [mailto:webmaster@strobel.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 13, 2004 12:27 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobel.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: russell schaefer  
Degrees1: bachelor of arts with highest honors  
Company1:  
Address1: 9031 S. Karlov Ave.  
City: Chicago  
State: Illinois  
Zip: 60652  
Phone1: 773 582 5164  
Email1: twofoxriver@aol  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

I do not wish to sleep on any substance that is used to kill any form of life for fear that it will over time, KILL ME!

Stevenson, Todd A.

**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 13, 2004 12:29 PM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: linda schaefer  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1: 8031 S. Karlov Ave.  
City: chicago  
State: illinois  
Zip: 60652  
Phone1: 773 582 5164  
Email1: twofoxriver@aol  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

let me make my own decisions relative to fire prevention in my home and on my mattress

**Stevenson, Todd A.**

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Daneilo, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 13, 2004 11:19 PM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I agree1:  
T1: Mrs  
Name1: Virginia Stout  
Degrees1: BA Education  
Company1:  
Address1: 1345 Hwy 603  
City: Napavine  
State: Washington  
Zip: 98532  
Phone1: 360 262 9562  
Email1: wvstout@msn.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

**Stevenson, Todd A.**

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 14, 2004 2:16 PM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I agree1: ON  
T1:  
Name1: Nancy Baird  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Interiors  
Address1: 4912 Norhill  
City: Houston  
State: TX  
Zip: 77009  
Phone1:  
Email1: interiors219@sbcglobal.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

As a person who has suffered with severe allergies my whole life I am viamently against adding any poisonous chemicals to our mattresses. We need to be removing these caustic elements instead of adding them.

Stevenson, Todd A.

**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----  
From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2004 3:10 PM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1:  
Tl:  
Name1: Jane Golemba  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Troy  
State: MI  
Zip: 48084  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
Comments1:

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2004 3:19 PM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
T1:  
Name1: Erin Booth  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Lathrup Village  
State: MI  
Zip: 48076  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
  
Comments1:

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2004 4:10 PM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I agree1:  
T1: Mr  
Name1: Bradley Sparling  
Degrees1: Assoc Biology  
Company1:  
Address1: 2713 15th ave  
City: carmel  
State: ca  
Zip: 93923  
Phone1: 831-624-4030  
Email1: bradstyle@hotmail.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Do not smoke in bed.



Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 17, 2004 10:41 AM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Tl: Mrs.  
Name1: Dorothy D Wilson  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1: 206 George Street  
City: Beaufort  
State: NC  
Zip: 28516  
Phone1: 252-725-1958  
Email1: dcdevnew@earthlink.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

This law is absurd!!!! I hope this can help to Stop the madness!!!

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2004 5:11 PM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON

T1:

Name1: Lonnie Terry

Degrees1:

Company1: Terry Furniture

Address1: 511 N Main St

City: Anderson

State: SC

Zip: 29621

Phone1: 864-225-1466

Email1: sales@terryfurniture.com

B2: Submit

Comments1:

As a retailer I am not only uncomfortable with health risks, but also legal liabilities.  
Please ax this debate!!!!

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 3:03 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Sunday, November 21, 2004 12:49 PM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON

T1:

Name1: RONALD SPRAGGINS

Degree1: MASTERS

Company1: COMMONWEALTH

Address1: 21 VIA PIEDRAS

City: manitou springs

State: COLORADO

Zip: 80829

Phone1: 719-685-4300

Email1: spragginsccim@adelphia.net

B2: Submit

Comments1:

TYPICAL GOVERNMENT ANSWER, NEVER DO THE RESEARCH TO SEE WHAT THE NEGATIVES ARE. SOME GROUP COMPLAINS & THEY REACT. GET OUT OF OUR LIVES.

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:52 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

-----Original Message-----

**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2004 6:08 PM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
T1:  
Name1: Rodney Goodrum  
Degrees1:  
Company1: TriStar Bedding Group  
Address1:  
City: Denver  
State: CO  
Zip: 80126  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

It is a shame that government is blaming mattress fires on mattresses instead of on people being careless. In our society it is becoming apparent that no-one is willing to take blame for their actions resulting in frivolous lawsuits. This has a ripple effect that is everywhere, tobacco, guns, SUV's etc. and now mattresses. What's next...donuts!?? No wonder companies are moving overseas. In the end, the little guy is going to loose and so is America.

**Stevenson, Todd A.**

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:19 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 07, 2004 9:13 AM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
T1:  
Name1: Dwain Schuh  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Furniture Market  
Address1: 10505 Boyer Blvd.  
City: Austin  
State: TX  
Zip: 78758  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

California has always been a leader when it comes to illogical legislation. There are plenty of Californians perhaps this will stem the flow of them and their logics to the rest of the country. Clearly this is liberalism run amuck. Perhaps they should mandate that they advertise this fire proof mattress as the "Boric Acid Fire Proof Mattress for those of you who like to smoke in bed. If the smoking doesn't kill you then the boric acid well".

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:19 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2004 12:01 PM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Tl: Ms.  
Name1: Teresa Dimeo  
Degrees1: Interior Architect  
Company1: Teresa Dimeo Inc  
Address1:  
City: Providence  
State: RI  
Zip: 02906  
Phone1:  
Email1: whereistdimeo@aol.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

It is the consumers right to have a warning lable of health risks on a mattress. Sounds to me it deserves as much attention as the tobacco industry.

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:19 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2004 12:15 PM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
T1: Ms.  
Name1: Sharron Brust  
Degrees1: M.S.W.  
Company1: Ecophilia  
Address1: 1101 Periwinkle Way STE. 101  
City: Sanibel  
State: FL  
Zip: 33957  
Phone1: 23-472-2330  
Email1: ecophilia@aol.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Any legislator that votes for this law requiring the use of boric acid without scientific due diligence should lose their constituents' votes. I hope that this information is reported to consumers.

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:19 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
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From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2004 10:50 AM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
T1: mrs.  
Name1: sylvia brooks  
Degree1:  
Company1: g t mcswain inc  
Address1: p o box 446  
City: henrietta  
State: nc  
Zip: 28076  
Phone1: 704-434-7829  
Email1: sylvia143@carolina.rr.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

i disagree with the use of boric acid or any other chemicals due to the new law concerning mattresses.

i believe chemicals are the reason many Americans have cancer and anything that even has the remote possibility of hurting a fetus or causing harm to any part of the human body should not even be considered for use (especially something we spend 1/3 of our life in contact with).

stop this new law!!!



Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:19 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
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From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2004 8:50 AM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
T1: Ms.  
Name1: Maria Stahl  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1: 605 Empire St  
City: Montpelier  
State: OH  
Zip: 43543  
Phone1:  
Email1: metsss@yahoo.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

If they want to cut down on the number of deaths from mattresses catching fire, outlaw smoking. Oh, no--that would be too easy. Let's just put pounds of poison in our mattresses instead. Yeah--that's a good idea. Really--where do these people come up with these ideas? Most young children are smarter than this.

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobel.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:19 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobel.com/vote.htm>

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From: webmaster@strobel.com [mailto:webmaster@strobel.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2004 10:01 PM  
To: health@strobel.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobel.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Tl: Ms.  
Name1: Judie  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Long  
Address1: 121 W 72nd St  
City: ny  
State: ny  
Zip: 10023  
Phone1:  
Email1: LongsBeds@aol.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Keep the cancer out of the beds. This is the most ridiculous law to come about since flame retardant, cancer-causing children's sleepwear, about 20 years ago. That, too, was taken off the market.

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:19 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
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From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2004 10:40 PM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Tl: mrs  
Name1: debbie box  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: dayton  
State: ohio  
Zip: 45414  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

This has to stop, as a chemically sensitive person, I don't need to have any more chemicals in my mattress, especially ones that pose serious health questions. Nor do I want my children, ranging in ages 2-13, to sleep on mattresses treated with this potentially dangerous chemical on them. It's just not worth the risk to their health or to mine. Stop this law before our bedding toxically harms or kills us. I would rather risk fire than risk breathing in this chemical while I sleep. I believe that this is going overboard, how many of us are going to go to bed with a lit torch? Enough is enough, they've gone too far with this. What has happened to the rights of the people to make informed choices? If this law is enacted I will definitely buy organic and get a doctors note to make sure that it's untreated!!!!NO MORE CHEMICALS, my body can't take any more of them.

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:19 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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**From:** webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2005 10:12 AM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Tl: Mrs.  
Name1: Pamela  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1: PO Box 610  
City: North Beach  
State: MD  
Zip: 20714  
Phone1:  
Email1: pamm@uanet.org  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

I think putting all these chemicals in a mattress will harm millions as we spend more hours a day on our mattress than anywhere else.

It is not worth it to guess at saving only 300 people from fire.

**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:19 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2005 12:11 PM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree: ON  
Tl: Mrs.  
Name1: Sandra Snow  
Degrees1: Medical Laboratory Technology  
Company1:  
Address1: 7997 180th St.  
City: McAlpin  
State: Florida  
Zip: 32062  
Phone1: 386-362-5181  
Email1: sandy332@atlantic.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

I was under the impression Boric Acid was taken off the shelves for its toxicity. Many people were able to control the insect population in their homes with it at minimum cost, but it was taken away due to health hazards. The government says it is unsafe to have under your sink, but alright to sleep on it. That is a very mixed up view point. I personally do not want to sleep on a mattress containing boric acid or have any one love sleep on one. I am opposed to the new law.

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:19 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2005 12:18 PM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
T1: Mrs.  
Name1: Crystal Jones  
Degrees1: BS in Elementary Education  
Company1:  
Address1: 960 State Route 384  
City: Mayfield  
State: KY  
Zip: 42066  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

I really do not like the fact that laws others make "affect" everyone. My husband is allergic to many things. My children have skin conditions that are easily irritated. I like to inhale clean air. Not air polluted with toxins. I'm 31 years old and the 10 homes I have lived in, there has never been a fire.

I currently own a mattress that has had a new chemical smell in it for over a year. When my children sleep on it, they awake smelling of a furniture polish smell. The sheets, quilts, and pillows smell this way. The smell lingers in the room. I do not really see how this is healthily. I'm looking into selling it. Besides, the covers would be engulfed in flames before the mattress would be.

We should have the option of this "safe protection from a fire." If you buy a mattress and wish to spray this "protector" on your bed, you have that option. And if you wish not to have this on your bed, then you can sleep with a sound mind that you are not endangering yourself by inhaling something toxic.

Sincerely,  
Crystal Jones

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:19 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
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From: webmaster@strobels.com [mailto:webmaster@strobels.com]  
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2004 4:07 AM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobels.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
T1:  
Name1: Roger Bell  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Salem  
State: Oregon  
Zip: 97306  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

If it's broke, fix it.

If it's fragile, think long and hard before you consider using a hammer!

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:07 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.peopleforcleanbeds.org/vote.htm>



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**From:** domains@strobels.com [mailto:domains@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 10:14 AM  
**To:** health@strobels.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.peopleforcleanbeds.org/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Cl: ON  
Tl: mr  
Name1: robert greenough  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: kerhonkson  
State: ny  
Zip: 12446  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

I say let the people who want these chemicals to be put in beds should be the ginnie pigs for the rest of us. After they and their families have slept in them for at least 30 years, then we will know if they are safe or not.



**Stevenson, Todd A.**

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:07 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.peopleforcleanbeds.org/vote.htm>

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From: domains@strobels.com [mailto:domains@strobels.com]  
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 10:42 AM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.peopleforcleanbeds.org/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Cl:  
Tl: Mrs.  
Name1: Elizabeth Rowell  
Degrees1: RN  
Company1:  
Address1: 460 Country Club Road  
City: Lumberton  
State: NC  
Zip: 28360  
Phone1: 910-671-3281  
Email1: beth.rowell@hth.co.roberson.nc.us  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

It is very disturbing that more chemicals will be required in our homes. The number of persons already dying from cancer, leukemia, etc is overwhelming. Imagine the numbers added to that from chemical poisoning. As a young woman suffering with infertility, I also would not want to take any chance that these mattresses would not increase that possibility for others. This law must be stopped!

**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobel.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:07 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.peopleforcleanbeds.org/vote.htm>

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**From:** domains@strobel.com [mailto:domains@strobel.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2005 12:00 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.peopleforcleanbeds.org/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Cl: ON  
Tl: Ms  
Name1: Beckie Takacs  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Coarsegold  
State: CA  
Zip: 93614  
Phone1:  
Email1: btakacs1@yahoo.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

I live in California. Years ago I was chemically poisoned and now have severe multiple chemical sensitivities and sinus disease. I am on Social Security Disability as a result. I cannot think of anything more incredibly stupid than to sleep on a mattress full of chemicals. I cannot, as I must avoid all chemicals. I know thousands like me, who would probably die from such a prolonged and continuous exposure. Are we not to ever sleep in a bed again? (Of course, I would have to import a new mattress from out-of-state since this law has already gone into effect). Most house fires do not begin in the mattress and most people die from the smoke inhalation, not from the fire spreading into the bedroom and onto the mattress.

It would be better to require indoor house sprinklers in all new construction, and increase awareness of the importance of smoke detectors than enact this law.

This law is profoundly foolish and will result in many mystery respiratory problems and eventual disabilities.

Stevenson, Todd A.

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**From:** Mattress NPR - Retailer Comments [health@strobels.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2005 2:07 AM  
**To:** Danello, Mary Ann; Stratton, Hal; Chairman Stratton; Moore, Thomas H.; Account Terminated; Hartman, Jason J.; Neily, Margaret L.; Commissioner Moore; Stevenson, Todd A.; Elder, Jacqueline; Stadnik, Andrew G.; McLaurin, Hugh M.; Rodgers, Gregory B.; Mullan, John G.; Schoem, Marc J.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FW: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.peopleforcleanbeds.org/vote.htm>

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From: domains@strobels.com [mailto:domains@strobels.com]  
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 1:51 PM  
To: health@strobels.com  
Subject: Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.peopleforcleanbeds.org/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
C1:  
T1: Ms.  
Name1: LaVerne Boeckmann  
Degrees1: Phd  
Company1:  
Address1: PO Box 10187  
City: Marina Del Rey  
State: CA  
Zip: 90295  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Any use of chemicals compromises our immune system. And, people are already in stressed situations due to the air, water and other chemicals. When a person sleeps this is the bodies repair time. To use any chemicals in the bed or bedding is just putting the immune system under more stress and compromises the bodies ability to heal itself.